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Editor's note: RICH KATT'S PHOTO ATTACHED

KATT RECEIVES NATIONAL LEADERSHIP AWARD

Nebraska's career education director, Rich Katt, recently received a prestigious national award, the Leaders Leading Leaders Award.

Katt was one of 25 individuals who received the recognition.

The Marcus Buckingham Company developed the Leaders Leading Leaders Award to recognize innovative individuals who inspire excellence in others. Katt was recognized during a Jan. 7 event in California.

Award winners were chosen for the quantity and quality of the innovative leadership they have demonstrated over the years, and their careers and leadership skills will be highlighted in StandOutM, a leadership development and productivity tool. More than 200 candidates nationally were nominated for the award by their peers.

As State Director of Nebraska Career Education, Katt works with Nebraska school districts and businesses to develop and expand career education opportunities for students statewide.

"Impacting change through innovation within a government agency requires strategic and futuristic planning that maximizes the potential of systems and resources," according to those who nominated Katt for the award. "Rich has been able to achieve this work through fostering a staff of engaged leaders in their curriculum fields and creating an environment that supports innovation.

"The transformation and innovation Rich introduced has led to increased student participation, student achievement, engagement of business and industry, integration of effective teaching and learning strategies and support of an atmosphere that reflects the effective use of public resources for innovation," according to his peers who nominated him.

The Marcus Buckingham Company creates strengths-based leadership development training programs and tools to help organizations build their workforces. To learn more about the Leaders Leading Leaders Award, contact Jill Blessing, 8350 Wilshire Blvd. #200, Beverly Hills, CA 90211, or at 323.302.9810. For more information about The Marcus Buckingham Company visit <http://www.tmbc.com/>.